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SUBJECT: TURKS BEGIN TO TURN THE HEAT UP ON GREECE IN NATO

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SUMMARY: IN ANOTHER STEP TO FORCE ATTENTION TO GREECE'S
STATUS, AT DRC MEETING ON 25 JAN, THE TURKISH
REPRESENTATIVE EXTENDED THE RESERVATION MADE AT THE
EWG ON 24 JAN (REFS A AND B) TO PRECULDE DRC
CONSIDERATION OF ANY OF THE NATO FLEXIBILITY STUDY
RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL THE PROBLEM OF HANDLING THE
SOUTHERN REGION RECOMMENDATIONS WAS RESOLVED. THE EWG WILL RETURN
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TO THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC CHAIRMAN MUMFORD ORALLY RAISED THE "ROLE TO BE
PLAYED BY THE DRC IN NATO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES" UNDER ITEM III
OF THE NANUARY 25, 1977 AGENDA. IN SUMMARIZING THE ACTION TAKEN
BY THE EWG THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTELS) HE STATED THAT THE EWG
WOULD REMIT A NUMBER OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLEXIBILITY
STUDIES TO THE DRC, EXCEPT FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION STUDY.
HE EXPLAINED THAT DSYG PANSA INTENDED TO CALL ANOTHER MEETING

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OF THE EWG SOON IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES RAISED BY TURKEY AND SAID THAT, PENDING FURTHER POLITICAL GUIDANCE, THE DRC SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN REGION STUDIES AND SACLANT/ACCHAN MARITIME STUDY.

2. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE OBJECTED TO THAT INTERPRETATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AND EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS AN APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING. HE REMINDED THE COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONS TURKEY HAD TABLED IN THE EWG THE PREVIOUS DAY AND ADDED THAT THE GOT COULD NOT AGREE TO LET THE DRC TAKE UP THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES IF THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM THE SOUTHERN REGION.

3. MUMFORD RESPONDED THAT HE AND DSYG PANSA THOUGHT THAT THE INTENT OF THE TURKISH INTERVENTION ON 24 JAN DEALT ONLY WITH THE SOUTHERN REGION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DRC. HE STATED FOR THAT REASON THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD ACCOMODATE THE TURKISH RESERVATION BY AVOIDING DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTHERN REGION AND CONTINUING WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE STUDIES. MUMFORD ASKED IF THE TURKISH REP WAS NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE EWG COULD NOT INSTRUCT ANY OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES TO START WORK ON ANY OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES SUBJECT TO FURTHER CLARIFICATION. THE TURKISH REP AFFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED ALL WORK STOPPED.

4. THE UK REP (PETERS) ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE BY CONFIDENTIAL

RESTATING THE TURKISH REP'S POSITION, SAYING HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF TURKEY WOULD LET THE DRC DEAL COLLECTIVELY WITH ALL FLEXIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS REMITTED TO IT AND PROCEED PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE EWG, AND THAT NO NEED EXISTED TO HOLD UP WORK ON THE FIRST STEPS OF THE WORK PROPOSED. US REP (BADER) MADE A PERSONAL COMMENT THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE GOT SERVED THE ALLIANCE BY CALLING ATTENTION TO AN IMPORTANT POINT LONG OVER-LOOKED. BUT, HE ADDED THAT TURKEY NOW WAS ATTEMPTING TO APPLY ITS RESERVATIONS TO THE REST OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES. HE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH THIS BECAUSE (A) WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND (B) IT GOES AGAINST THE AGREEMENT OF MINISTERS MADE LAST DECEMBER THAT "NON-CONTROVERSIAL" RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD GET AN "EARLIER START". THE TURKISH REP RESPONDED THAT THE MINISTERS DIDN'T SAY THAT WE SHOULD HANDLE THE STUDIES IN A COMPARTMENTAL WAY, THEY ARE ALL INTERCONNECTED. SHAPE REP (SCHWEITZER) STATES THAT ONLY THREE OR FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION STUDY MENTION GREECE BY NAME AND HOPED THAT THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE INCLUDING A COMMENT ON THE FLEXI-
BILITY STUDIES IN THE NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. HE ADDED THAT PO/75/139 OF DECEMBER 19, 1976 SHOULD RESOLVE ANY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING QUESTIONS AND THAT IT REMAINS VALID UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS. (COMMENT: IN THIS CONNECTION, TURKS HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE IN THE DPC (REF C) TO FORCE CONSIDERATION OF

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AN "INTERPRETATION" OF THE INTERIM POLICY AND THE GENERAL TURK VIEW THAT THE INTERIM POLICY CANNOT BE APPLIED TO SLICES BEYOND XXIV. STATUS OF THIS ACTION AND RELATED ISSUES WILL BE COVERED SEPTEL. END COMMENT.

5. MUMFORD CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE TURKISH RESERVATION WITH PANSA AND THE DRC COULD EXPECT ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM THE EWG.

6. COMMENT: THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES CLEARLY ARE USING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DROP ANOTHER MARKER ON THEIR CASE THAT GREECE CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF NATO
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MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MARKERS HAVE BEEN PROLIFERATING SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS, POSSIBLY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE EXPECTED JANUARY 27 GREEK RESPONSE TO THE OPEN-ENDED AD HOC DPC GROUP ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS (REF D).
THERE IS AN OBVIOUS NEED FOR THE EWG TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES PRE-SENTED BY THE TURKISH RESERVATION, AND MUMFORD WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO QUICKLY. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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